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A hot day at the Good dust saloon.
Everybody's HERE: Earp, Holliday,
Cole Younger, Bill Dalton.



The place smells of sawdust,
smoke, sweat, and brand-new
CARDS



You're Lucky,
Marshall. Maybe
TOO lucky.



I believe
this is mine.

Not so fast.



I don't care if you ARE the
law around here. I think
you RIGGED those suckers.



He's just a KID. Can't even
grow a proper MUSTACHE yet.
I almost hate to KILL him.

Why, Mr Dalton.
Are you calling me
OUT?





YEAH

WELL YOU KNOW YOU'VE
CONVINCED ME THAT WHATEVER
DIS-TRONEX IS UP TO IS MORE
IMPORTANT THAN A
LOST JOB OR TWO.

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING INTO THAT
HOW'D YOU AGREE ME
ABOUT ACCEPTING



YOU FOUND
SOMETHING

YEAH.

I'VE FOUND THEM IN A LOCKED FILING
CABINET. IMPRINTS, CHECK STUBS,
MEMOS. ALL CODED 'MURDER'.



THERE WASN'T ANYTHING
ON ANY OF THE COMPUTERS YOU
ALREADY KNOW THAT SO I BROKE
OUT-CLIFFE'S OFFICE.



THEY POINTED
TO SOME PLACE CALLED
TYNORSTON, IN KANSAS
STATE.

YOU
MEAN AS IN
MURDER?



YEAH

RUSGIA

TYNORSTON
IS WHERE THE BOMBS
USED TO HAVE THEIR CAPE
CAMPAIGN.

"THERE ARE CARAVANS OF TRUCKS AND MONEY AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FLOWING OUT OF WESTERN CHINA AND ACROSS THE BORDER INTO RUSSIA."

"THE STUFF IS COMING OUT OF FACTORIES LIKE THE ONE WE SAW IN SHANGHAI."



"PARALLEL FIBER CABLES, FIBER OPTIC CABLES, SOME KIND OF EXPERIMENTAL FIBER OPTIC BUS."



"YOU KNOW WHAT THAT ADDS UP TO?"

"NO
MINDS
GAY
IT."



"NOT
THERE
MILL."



"SINGAPORE
IS BUILDING A
NATIONAL
ARTIFICIAL IN-
TELLIGENCE"



DO I
REALLY WANT TO
EAT TACOS IN NORTH
CAROLINA?

IT'S
TRADITION
MAN.

MUSIC WORLD

LUNCHEON

BUD'S

OPEN

SALE!

THIS HAS TO DO WITH WHAT
YOUR PAL LINDY FOUND IN CARNA
CRIMINOUS BOOKS RECORDING THE
PEOPLE SOUND THEM

LET'S SAY YOU JUST RECORD ALL
THAT GUFF -- DATA, SOUND, WAVE O
LET'S SAY YOU ONLY TURNED ON
FOR CERTAIN KEYWORDS

YOU'RE STILL
TALKING ABOUT AN
AMBIGUOUS AMOUNT
OF DATA.

WHICH IS WHY
THEY HAVE TO HAVE
THE A.I.

NO
THEN
WHAT?

THEN WHAT?
ANYTHING YOU WANT INDUSTRIAL
ESPIONAGE BLACK
MAIL.

WORLD
DOMINATION



TOW

THAT HAS TO BE WHAT
THEY'RE USING-THE MARCH FOR,
TO ABOLISH ALL THE INDEPEND-
ENT SYSTEMS INTO ONE A

THE MARCH
THAT YOU
WROTE.



I BUILT
A BOMB INTO IT
WHICH NOW POUNDS
FOR THEM.



YEAH,
YEAH, OKAY.



NOW I CAN'T
LIVE WITH IT THAT THEY'RE
DOING THIS WITH MY OPER-
ATING SYSTEM.



THAT
THEY'RE GOING
TO PUT
IT



PROBABLY
THINK YOU COULD
BOMB A WEEK OF
SCHOOL?



THEY'RE
COMPUTERIZED

DUDE, THEY
DON'T EVEN KNOW
I WAS GONE



THEN HERE'S
THE PLAN...

F.I.E. HEADQUARTERS, LONDON





KAZAKHSTAN

MR. BUTCLIFFE
SAID I WAS SUPPOSED
TO CHECK THIS OUT,
BUT...

AREAK, DID
VIRTUAL REALITY NEVER
HURT ANYBODY NOT
EVEN GUNS IN SUITS
FROM DALLAS

GO AHEAD AND PUT
THE GOGGLES ON, THEN
THE ARCADE! BUT WATCH
OUT FOR THE GREAT AND
POWERFUL ARCTIC



BALTY

JUST OUR
LITTLE JOKE.

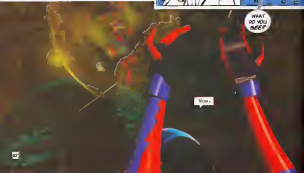
DEAR, YOU'RE NOW
ON A KIND OF TREAD-
MILL. WE'VE MONITORED
YOUR MOVEMENTS.



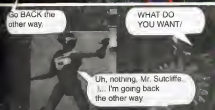
THE HELMET
FEEDS YOU PICTURES
TO MATCH THE MOVEMENTS
OF YOUR HEAD
HANDS AND FEET



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?



WOW.





I don't stop thinking about REGGIE.
The way Digbrow is EXPLOITING
a literal HELL on earth.

REMEMBER,
YOU PROMISED NOT
TO WEAR THAT STUPID
HAT.

I'M
COOL.

SORRY TO BARGE IN,
BUT THERE'S SOME HEAVY
TROUBLE COMING DOWN.

I COULDN'T
TELL YOU ON THE
PHONE.

DIGBROW IS BUILDING AN
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. THEY'RE
GOING TO USE IT TO PROCESS A FEW
MILLION GIGABYTES OF SPYING GOV-
ERNMENT AND INDUSTRIAL SECRETS.

Science finally obtained PRICE
CONTROLS, and the stores have
food and clothes again.

YOU'RE REALLY
NOT A DEAD UP ROSE
BUT ABOUT THOSE
BUTS, DON'T YOU?

Only now nobody
can AFFORD them.

The FACTORIES are going broke.
No more social services with
the job, just a few inflated
SUBSIDIES, worthless at all. I
PREFER open Warfare to
Kapitalism.



SO TELL
ME ABOUT

I think about TELLING himself
in the old PARTY HQ on Staraya
Ploshchad, with SANDER and his
other associates, trying to
make it work.

Squabbling with the Americans
over who gets the BALTIC FLEET
Arguing with the Brits over
TERRITORY

Fighting the OLD GUARD
every step of the way

I DON'T HAVE TIME
TO GO THROUGH THE ADDRESS
WITH YOU NOW

BUT YOU CAN FOLLOW
ME INSTANT INSTALLATION AND
IF I'M WRONG YOU CAN HEAR ME
OFF TO THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY
OR WHATEVER THE HELL IT
IS THAT YOU DO

"Centrals capitalists" set up cardboard
boxes on the street and sell whatever
they can SCROUNGE. Forlorn are the
hardest CORRUPT going

I BELIEVE YOU
AND OTHERS SEEM
TO TRUST YOU THAT'S
GOOD ENOUGH

FOR NOW

Workers who HAVE jobs may
not get paid at all. Then they
grovel to find somebody
willing to take the FOOD
out of their refrigerator

But even they can't buy their
place to LIVE. So when England
is about to throw POLARIS
around, who's going to ABOUT

Meanwhile here I am with a bunch of WEEDS in smart costumes.

SO, DIGITONIX GOT THROUGH TO YOU?

DIGITONIX HURRY

Laughable as they LOOK, all that POWER... it makes me feel like an endangered SPECIES.

I HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THOSE BASTARDS IN YEARS.

OH OH

There again...

YOU WHAT?

DON'T KILL HIM I DON'T THINK THEY THAT WOULD CONVINCE YOU BUT HE'S NOT WORTH EVEN THAT Tiny CHANCE.

PLASTIC MAN HERE PACKED DIGITONIX BUT CLIFFE IS DOUBTLESS ON HIS WAY TO KAZAKHSTAN

THAT'S, OH

ELIMINATED HIM

ACTUALLY

THAT IMPEDS ANY CHANCE OF US GETTING IN AND OUT OF THERE QUIETLY.

SOT





KAZAKHSTAN







LOOK, FLASH HAS BEEN
GONE AWAY TOO LONG. HE SHOULD
HAVE BEEN OUT OF THERE ALMOST
BEFORE HE WENT IN.



I THINK WE'RE
IN TROUBLE!

I KNOW
IT. I KNOW
IT.



YOU'VE GOT
TO GET ME IN
THERE!

HOW?



I DON'T THINK
ANYMORE IS A FACTOR
AT THIS POINT. GET ME
A JET OR A HELICOPTER
OR WHATEVER YOU CAN.

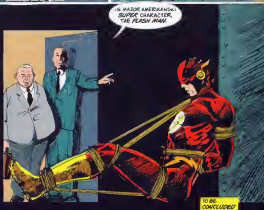


I'LL
SEE WHAT I
CAN DO.

AND IN A HURRY,
PLEASE! BEFORE THIS
FLASHY CHARACTER OF
YOURS SCAVENS ANYTHING
ELSE UP?







TO BE
CONCLUDED



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